(Figures in thousands)

| * | 1985-86 | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central Railway | 685,555 | 718,439 | 773,776 |
| Western Railway | 698,214 | 735,867 | 763,238 |
| TOTAL: ... | 1,383,769 | 1,454,306 | 1,537,014 |

(b) and (c) Number of Ticket Collectors in Bombay area on Western Railway was 431 and on Central Railway 244. On account of resource constraints and high staff cost it has not been possible to make any substantial addition of Ticket Collectors.

Contraband articles prohibited on railway journey

1910. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the contraband articles which passengers are prohibited to carry on railway journey;

(b) whether Government have given due and proper publicity about such articles;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that innocent passengers are being harassed due to ignorance; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Contraband articles not accepted for conveyance V>v Railways unless covered by a permit or licence issued by the competent authority are listed in Chapter XIV of the Coaching Tariff No. 23, Part-I (Vol. I) published by the Indian Railway Conference Association and available for sale to the public It is available at all stations for referen ce.

(c) No such complaint has come to the notice of the Railways.

(d) Does not arise.

Switch over to diesel instead of electricity in the Railways

1911. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has asked Railways to switch over to diesel instead of electricity;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Railways thereto; and

(c) what would be the effect: of this advice on electrification process of Railways ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY of RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.